2. Count II of the Plaintiff's Complaint is based on Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Cal. Civ. Code §1788 et seq. (RFDCPA).

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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3. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1692k(d), which states that such actions may be brought and heard before "any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy," and 28 U.S.C. 1367 grants this court supplemental jurisdiction over the state claims contained therein.

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- 4. Defendant conducts business in the state of California, and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established.
- 5. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b)(1).
- 6. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2201 and 2202.

#### **PARTIES**

- 7. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Stanton, Orange County, California.
- 8. Plaintiff is a consumer as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(3), and according to Defendant, Plaintiff allegedly owes a debt as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(5) and Cal. Civ. Code § 1788.2(h).
- 9. Defendant is a debt collector as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. 1692a(6) and Cal. Civ. Code §1788.2(c), and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff.
- 10. Defendant is a national company with its headquarters in Jeffersonville, Indiana.
- 11. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 12. Defendant constantly and continuously placed collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and demanding payment for an alleged debt.
- 13. Defendant constantly and continuously places collection calls to the number (714) 650-2156.

## COUNT I

### DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 14. Defendant violated the FDCPA based on the following:
  - a. Defendant violated  $\S 1692c(a)(1)$  of the FDCPA by contacting Plaintiff at a time and place known to be inconvenient.
  - b. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by engaging in conduct the natural

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1	consequence of which is to harass, oppress, and abuse Plaintiff.
2	c. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA by causing a telephone to ring
3	repeatedly and continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse, and harass Plaintiff.
4	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, MICHAEL PALOMO, respectfully requests judgment be
5	entered against Defendant, UNIQUE NATIONAL COLLECTIONS, for the following:
6	15. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the Fair Debt Collection
7	Practices Act,
8	16. Statutory damages of \$1000.00 pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15
9	U.S.C. 1692k,
10	17. Actual damages,
[1]	18. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act,
12	15 U.S.C. 1692k
13	19. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.
14	COUNT II DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE ROSENTHAL FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT
16	20. Plaintiff repeats and realleges all of the allegations in Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint as
7	the allegations in Count II of Plaintiff's Complaint.
18	21. Defendant violated the RFDCPA based on the following:
19	a. Defendant violated §1788.11(d) of the RFDCPA by causing Plaintiff's telephone
20	to ring repeatedly and continuously so as to annoy Plaintiff.
21	b. Defendant violated §1788.11(e) of the RFDCPA by placing collection calls to
22	Plaintiff with such frequency that was unreasonable and constituted harassment.
23	c. Defendant violated the §1788.17 of the RFDCPA by continuously failing to
24	comply with the statutory regulations contained within the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. §
25	1692 et seq.

. 1	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, MICHAEL PALOMO, respectfully requests judgment be					
2	entered against Defendant, UNIQUE NATIONAL COLLECTIONS, for the following:					
3	22. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the Rosenthal Fair Deb					
4	Collection Practices Act,					
5	23. Statutory damages of \$1000.00 pursuant to the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices					
6	Act, Cal. Civ. Code §1788.30(b),					
7	24. Actual damages,					
8	25. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection					
9	Practices Act, Cal. Civ Code § 1788.30(c), and					
10	26. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.					
11	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL					
12	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, MICHAEL PALOMO, demands a jury trial in					
13	this case.					
14	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,					
15	Datad: Dasambar 20, 2000					
16	Dated: December 30, 2009  By:   Ryan Lee, Esq.					
17	KROHN & MOSS, LTD. Attorneys for Plaintiff,					
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## VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATION

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Plaintiff, MICHAEL PALOMO, states as follows:

- 1. I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
- I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.
- 3. I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law
- 4. I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass any Defendant(s), cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant(s), or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant(s), named in the Complaint.
- 5. I have filed this Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it.
- 6. Each and every exhibit I have provided to my attorneys which has been attached to this Complaint is a true and correct copy of the original.
- 7. Except for clearly indicated reductions made by my attorneys where appropriate, I have not altered, changed, modified or fabricated these exhibits, except that some of the attached exhibits may contain some of my own handwritten notations.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, MICHAEL PALOMO, hereby declare (or certify, verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATE: DEC. 23, 2009

MICHAEL PALOMO

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

## NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge Cormac J. Carney and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Marc Goldman.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

	SACV10- 41 CJC (MLGx)
	Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related notions.
A	All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge
	NOTICE TO COUNSEL
	opy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is f, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).
Sub	sequent documents must be filed at the following location:
L	Western Division 312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8 Los Angeles, CA 90012  [X] Southern Division 411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053 Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516  Eastern Division 3470 Twelfth St., Rm. 134 Riverside, CA 92501

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA				
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UNIQUE NATIONAL COLLECTIONS,	•			
DEFENDANT(S).	SUMMONS			
TO: DEFENDANT(S): <u>UNIQUE NATIONAL COLLECTIONS.</u> A lawsuit has been filed against you.  Within <u>21</u> days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint amended complaint amended complaint recounterclaim cross-claim or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, <u>Ryan Lee, Esq.</u> , whose address is <u>Krohn &amp; Moss, Ltd.; 10474 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 401; Los Angeles, CA 90025</u> If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.				
Dated: January 11,2010	By: A. Dettila  Deputy Clerk  (Seal of the Court)			
[Use 60 days if the defendant is the United States or a United States 60 days by Rule 12(a)(3)].	s agency, or is an officer or employee of the United States. Allowed			

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL COVER SHEET

I (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box MICHAEL PALOMO,	t if you are representing yourself □)	)	DEFENDANTS UNIQUE NATIONAL CO	OLLECTIONS,	
(b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Adyourself, provide same.)	dress and Telephone Number. If you	u are representing	Attorneys (If Known)		
Krohn & Moss, Ltd.; Ryan Lee, Esq. 10474 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 401; Los Angeles, CA 90025 (323) 988-2400					
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861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))					
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)					
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))					
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))					
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.					
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